

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are currently pending in their application. Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error and to more particularly point out the invention.

The Examiner has requested an election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits for this application. The Examiner has deemed that the present application discloses eight separate species.

The applicant elects without traverse to prosecute species IV in the present application, which the Examiner has determined is disclosed in FIG. 7. It is submitted that claims 1-5 are all readable on FIG. 7.

As it is believed that claims 1-5 are patentable over the prior art, applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Twice amended). A sling seat, comprising:

a plurality of flexible layers of material, with each layer having a top side, a bottom side, a front edge, a rear edge, and a pair of generally parallel side edges, with each side edge [edges] of said layers fastened together to form a pair of generally parallel side seams;

and [means] a support for separately supporting each side seam to form a sling seat,

characterized in that each of said flexible layers of material has a non-uniform stiffness, and at least one flexible pad is located between at least two of said layers of material.